

REMARKS

The Office Action of April 1, 2009 has been carefully considered. Reconsideration of this application, as proposed for amendment above, is respectfully requested.

Applicants respectfully request entry of the after-final amendment set forth above. The amendments presented herein are believed to place the application in condition for allowance as they either cancel rejected claims or make them dependent from allowed claims. More specifically, the objectionable claims 24 and 26 have been amended by incorporating the limitations of claims from which they depend so as to make them allowable as indicated in the Final Office Action of April 1, 2009. Further amendments set forth above either cancel non-allowed claims or make and remaining dependent from claims indicated as allowed or allowable. As no additional claims or limitations are being proposed, no additional burden is created and entry is respectfully requested. These amendments were not earlier presented as Applicants had proposed amendments and arguments related to the prior rejections.

Turning now, to the office action, Applicants appreciate the Examiner's indication that claims 1, 3-10 and 12-13 are allowed, the rejection of claim 12 having been withdrawn. Claims 24 and 26 were objected to, but indicated as allowable if rewritten in independent form to include all of the limitations of the base and any intervening claims. Rejected claims 2, 11, 14-20 and 22 have been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer to the subject matter therein. Applicants reserve the right to pursue claims such subject matter in a subsequent application.

Claims 24 and 26 have been rewritten as indicated above to incorporate the limitations of the base claims, and are believed to overcome the objection. Claims 23, 25 and 27 have been amended to change dependency and now reflect dependency from presumably allowable claims 24 or 26, and are also believed to be in condition for allowance.

With respect to claim 21 Applicants believe the Examiner may not have recognized that, while following claim 20, claim 21 is actually dependent from claim 1, a claim that is allowed. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully submit that claim 21 is also allowable, and request the Examiner's confirmation in a subsequent communication.

In view of the foregoing remarks and amendments, reconsideration of this application and allowance thereof is earnestly solicited. In the event that additional fees are required as a result of this response, including fees for extensions of time, such fees should be charged to USPTO Deposit Account No. 50-2737 for Basch & Nickerson LLP.

In the event the Examiner considers personal contact advantageous to the timely disposition of this case, the Examiner is hereby authorized to call Applicant's attorney, Duane C. Basch, at Telephone Number (585) 899-3970, Penfield, New York.

Respectfully submitted,

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